

Holt D. Bullock; A Tribute to 45 Years In Service to the Blind



The Toledo Society for the Blind celebrated its 45th birthday this year, and at the same time a member of our original Board of Directors has celebrated his 45th anniversary of service to the blind.

Holt D. Bullock, who today still serves on our Board, is the only man around who has been with the Society since its simple beginning as a single office in the old Social Service Building. He

Holt D. Bullock has seen it grow and expand through the years; always searching for more and better ways to serve the blind, and has been a part of that growth.

From the very start, the object of the Society was to provide profitable work for the blind. They were making baskets and caning chairs even in 1924, and sales amounted to \$213 that first year.

Mr. Bullock was a member of the Lions' Club back then. He became associated with the Society, he says, because Ed Evans (first president of the Society) "... talked me into it!"

In addition to his work at the Society and running a wholesale plumbing supply business, Mr. Bullock said he found time to be active in the Chamber of Commerce and the old Community Chest.

Asked what he felt the most important task facing the Society for the Blind is today, Mr. Bullock replied that the United Appeal "I Care" pins say it all. To care and care for those who need help... especially the prevention and care of blindness in youngsters "... is the most important thing in the world."

Mr. Bullock said he feels that blindness in youngsters can be more serious than many childhood diseases because it so completely affects them for the rest of their lives. The necessity of preventing blindness is one of the greatest challenges for the Society today, he said.

Today, Holt Bullock is retired; and finds himself doing things he says should have been done "15 or 20 years ago." Things like gardening and helping around the house.

"I don't know how all these things got done before I quit working," he says.

He still makes every Society board meeting—"I try to make a nuisance of myself," he said with a laugh—and makes his years of experience available to the Board.

Winter finds the Bullocks in Florida for a short stay. But the "most beautiful place on earth" in his opinion is Casper, Wyoming, where beautiful lakes and mountains make visiting his married daughter there doubly pleasing.

The Toledo Society for the Blind has been fortunate to have the services of Holt Bullock these past 45 years—and as long as he wants to continue making a "nuisance" of himself, we'll be delighted to have him around.

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of our many friends, none of these projects could even have been considered. We still have much to accomplish, and we want to thank all of you who have helped us to help the blind help themselves.

The State Services recognizes the great need of such facilities in the Toledo area but will not give the Society state monies until the units are staffed and functioning.

Right now, there are over 600 blind people in the greater Toledo area who should have the kind of training and rehabilitation offered by such centers.

The goal of the Society is to provide these vital services.

Second Braille Rally Scheduled for October

Sunday, October 19 is the day—and our friends at the Society can hardly wait. That morning our usually quiet neighborhood will be livened up a bit by the sound of sports car engines warming up for our second annual Braille Sports Car Rally.

In a Braille Rally, a blind navigator guides his sighted driver over a prescribed course by reading the directions in braille. The driver must depend totally on his navigator, who is reading the secret instructions for the first time during the actual rally.

SCCA Again Helps

Last year's great success is sure to be repeated because once again we have the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Hugh Kirk and her fellow members of the Northwest Ohio Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). Rally Chairman Wayne Zitkus will set the course directions, which will then be transcribed into braille by the Collingwood Avenue Temple Sisterhood for Services to the Blind.

The rally is open to any member of a recognized sports car club. Besides providing our blind friends with a wonderful day's outing entry fees will be donated to our Eye Screening Program by SCCA. Trophies for the winners will be donated by local companies.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1969

Case Count:

Blind	677
Sight Conservation (including 1964 to present)	386
Closed cases	1
New Cases Sight Conservation 3 Blind 5	
Total number of cases	1063

Mr. Robert C. Hamman, Rehabilitation Director

Counseling sessions	71
Client contacts	91
Referrals from other agencies	8
Referrals to other agencies	26
Eye examinations and/or glasses	6
Canes (new and/or replacements)	4
Client follow-up: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Leonard	39
Resource personal contacts	46
Meetings: staffings, professional, agency, others	22

Talking Book Services:

Talking Book machines out last month	826
Talking Book machines issued to new clients	9
Talking Book machines cancelled	5
Talking Book machines exchanged	2
Talking Book machines repaired by Telephone Pioneer	20
Talking Book machines in service	830

Home Industries deliveries	51
Industrial Workers	67
Club activities etc. 3 Attendance	88
Other Services	159
Attendance at Camp Yukita one week	70

Customers Home Industries, Caning, Braille sales, Society sales	65
Total number of persons contacted	899
Tours 3 Attendance	63
Volunteers	23

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Mobility Training and Techniques of Daily Living Centers Progress

As construction nears completion on our Mobility Training and Techniques of Daily Living Centers, we are readying our staff with special training.

Our three staff members who attended classes for a week in September at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind in Little Rock, Arkansas are Mrs. Rosalyn Snow, Mrs. Rose Marie Leonard, and Mrs. Bonnie Zaborowski.

Mrs. Snow, already a mobility instructor, accompanied Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Zaborowski in order that she too might learn the latest additional techniques and information available on mobility training for the blind.

Finest Training

The classes, training, and instruction offered at the Arkansas Enterprises school are among the finest in the country.

Although we would like to send our staff for further training, it is impossible now due to lack of personnel and funds.

Our Mobility Room has its own sidewalks, complete with curbs, and a special stairway with handrails. Each step is a different depth. This replica of a city sidewalk and street inside the building is necessary because of the wintry weather we get with snow banks and icy streets. In the same room, we've also added a treadmill, bicycle exerciser, and a weight lifting device. This is needed because without the mobility training, many of our blind have not been able to move about since losing their sight. Even walking can be difficult when muscles have been unused for a long period of time.

Model Apartment

In an adjoining room, the construction of the Techniques of Daily Living center is well under way. This consists of a model three room apartment, completely furnished, in which our blind will be taught the many day-to-day functions required to live an independent life.

When completed our training center will serve seventeen counties in Northwestern Ohio. Previously, anyone seeking help in these areas had to travel as far as Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, or Columbus.

The centers are sponsored by the United Fund Appeal and receive funding from two sources: (1) the State Services for the Blind, which furnishes rehabilitation money for each applicant who qualifies as "legally blind;" and (2) funding from the United Appeal. But, if it weren't for the generosity



Left to right: Bonnie Zaborowski, Mrs. Snow, and Rose Marie Leonard.

Time To Order Your 1969 Holiday Cards

Though it is October, it is time to start thinking ahead to the Holiday season.

It is always best to start early in selecting and addressing your holiday greeting cards. Again this year, the Society is offering a selection of three beautiful cards which you can order in any quantity, imprinted with your name if you wish.

Your Holiday Greeting Will Carry Extra Meaning

Greeting cards from the Society for the Blind do more than wish your friends and relatives a merry holiday season. They also represent a contribution to the Society's many activities. These are "extra-curricular" programs not provided for by United Appeal funds, such as summer camp, eye screening for young people, the community medical clinic at St. Vincent Hospital, family nights, help for blind bowlers, and the annual visit from Santa with gifts for our blind children.

How To Order

The cards are easy to order. Just fill out the enclosed postpaid order form, indicate your imprint if you so desire (up to three lines), and drop it in the mail.

You will not receive a bill or invoice from us for these cards. We only ask that you think of our needs and make a contribution to the Society. Anything over the amount you usually pay for your holiday cards is tax deductible.

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"Fish Stories" Are Swapped At Camp Yukita

"I've got a bite—It must be a whale!"
"You should have felt the one that got away!"

These and many more "fish stories" were just part of the fun and excitement enjoyed by the blind at Camp Yukita on Catawba Island this summer.

One of the highlights of the year for the blind, the camp had to be shortened to just one week because of a shortage of volunteer personnel and rising operational costs.

Also, the camp is not supported as a United Appeal function, and all the funds for it come from the Christmas Card Program and individual contributions. These contributions plus the \$14 fee per person covers everything—including bus transportation to and from the camp.



Left to right: Kevin Leonard, John Jones, and Eugene Pyzia on the fishing trip.

However, despite these obstacles, there was a marked increase in the number of young people attending the camp. They enjoyed successful sunny days of fishing, swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, and games.

To supplement these varied activities, local residents offered a special hayride for all at the camp, and Thomas Day of the Willis Day Storage Company furnished the campers with boat rides on the lake and around the island.

Mrs. Rose Marie Leonard, assisting the camp director, did a grand job this year. Assisting her were other staff members and their families who organized and managed the various functions of the camp. They included: Mr. and Mrs. Don Norwood and family, Mrs. Edna Thompson and others.

Good food, always one of the most popular features of any camp, was in plentiful abundance this summer—thanks to Mrs. Thompson and her crew and the donation of fresh garden produce from area farmers.



Regina Zavac waits to board the bus.

A Message From The President



John Goerlich

In the over 20 years of my association with the Toledo Society for the Blind I have never found it easy to ask for financial support. Yet, as one of our longtime contributors put it, "There is really no need, John, for you to be embarrassed. The Toledo Society for the Blind is working effectively for a cause which deserves the help of every Toledoan concerned about his eyesight."

You know, he's right. If you could witness, as I have, the appreciation shown by the blind and partially sighted for the services the Society furnishes, your contribution to our cause would be unhesitating and generous.

Our full legal name is the Toledo Society for the Blind, Inc., for those who care to remember us in their wills.

Your gift to the Society will go a long way toward helping the Toledo area visually handicapped through the many worth-while programs of the Toledo Society for the Blind.

Sincerely,

John Goerlich
President

We'd like to give special thanks to all our Society staff members and the wonderful volunteers and their families for once again—through their hard work—making this summer's camp a rewarding and successful experience.

Visit us at Camp Yukita, Catawba Island, next year. The date has not been set at this time.



Mary Balduf entertains on the guitar.



David Kwiatkowski at the microphone.

There's More To Industrial Eye Care Than Wearing Safety Glasses

Lawrence Flanders was a machine operator. One day a piece of his milling machine broke off and flew at his eye. Mr. Flanders can still see today because his eye was protected by safety glasses.

To most of us, the example in this story is what we usually think of when the subject of industrial eye care is mentioned. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness has listed hundreds of similar cases in its "Wise Owl News."

The Wise Owl Club, made up of workers whose sight was saved in accidents by safety glasses, boasted over six million members in February, 1967 and estimated savings in workmen's compensation in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Not the Whole Story

But this isn't the whole story of industrial sight saving. There is another side of the issue that doesn't get any 'headlines' in company newspapers, but probably accounts for more sight saved and better work records than the use of safety glasses alone.

It is a strong program of regular eye examination, setting job vision standards, and educating workers on the value of good eye care. The Toledo Society for the Blind is turning itself toward this area, and our Director Lyle Kirk has taken our movie "Save Your Sight" to Sun Oil, Toledo Edison, Columbia Gas, Standard Oil, and many, many others. And Mr. Kirk has plans for increasing the Society's ability to serve local companies as part of their industrial safety programs.

An Example

This industrial sight saving program is best illustrated by the experiences encountered by a large company in implementing it. The Raytheon Company of Andover, Massachusetts is engaged in the production of complex electronic components for military aerospace needs. Most of the jobs at their plant required moderate physical exertion but a very high degree of visual skill and attention in constructing and inspecting mazes of wire and components.

The building had once been a textile mill, and many employees stayed on when Raytheon took over. It soon became evident, however, that the visual skill of a lot of these people, though good enough for their work in the mill, was entirely inadequate for their new tasks.

Accurate Examinations

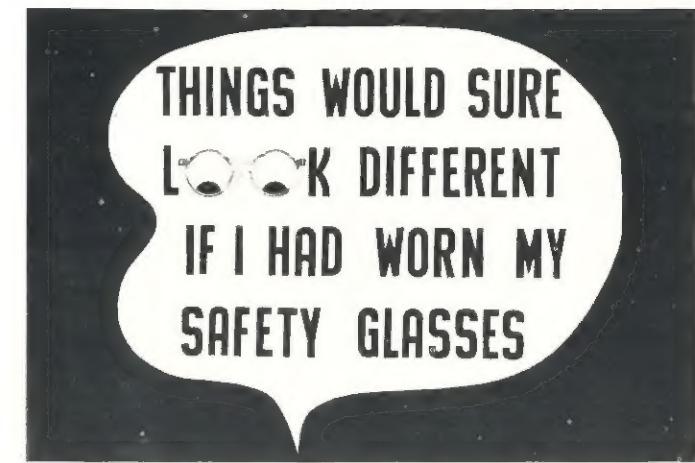
In fact, any random group of persons with average vision would, as a whole, be incapable of this kind of work. What the company had to do was establish an accurate method of examining prospective employees, and selecting those with near-perfect vision for the key jobs where this ability is crucial.

Raytheon also adopted job vision standards to apply to the various operations in the plant. Strict standards of vision were established, periodic retesting became mandatory, and careful study of employee eye conditions, the problems of doing close work, and wearing safety glasses were made.

Poor Vision; One in Six

In looking back, the company estimated that had they relied solely on the conventional wall chart method of eye testing, in six years' time 2600 employees (one in six) incapable of satisfactory job performance would have been hired.

This case study is not unique. In every industry it has been found that better vision means more production, better quality, and improved employee morale. The Toledo Society for the Blind plans to contribute much to this all-important area of industrial sight saving in the future.



Society Success Stories

Success doesn't happen overnight. It requires years of attending schools, dedicated work, and a real desire to achieve one's goal.

All well and good. However, what if you're blind?

The road to success for the blind is a long and difficult one in which even the easiest tasks take on new dimensions.

So when one of our blind friends does become successful—we like to tell you about him. We're especially happy in this issue to tell you about five such blind people who have achieved success through the help of the Society.

Douglas Miller, presently employed in the maintenance department of the Lucas County Welfare Department, was originally trained as a sealer in our sheltered workshop. Mr. Miller eventually married a young lady he met at the Society and began employment with the Welfare Department.

In 1962 when Frank Hawk learned he was going blind, he immediately enrolled in a braille class at the Society. Within six months, Frank had mastered the use of braille and continued to work at the Society for a year and a half in all available areas. Frank had been a stationary fireman maintaining the heating system at Central Catholic High School, so he applied to the State Services for the Blind to help him obtain a job. Soon thereafter, he was employed by the S. K. Wayne Tool Company in Defiance, Ohio as a wrench assembler.

David LeFevre, through the help of the Society, became an accomplished employee in the sheltered workshop and remained with us for a year and a half. Through the State Services, he was placed in the Toledo Hospital as a masseur and has been there five years.

A graduate of Capital University, Miss Helen Childers was trained to be a social worker; but because of her blindness and inexperience, it was difficult for her to find a position. In 1968 she passed a Civil Service test and is presently a case worker for the Lucas County Welfare Department.

In 1963, Louis Quiroga came to the Society, and through its assistance he was referred to the State Services. They in turn helped him enter Charlton College in Newbury, Ohio where he studied to be a medical masseur. He is presently employed at the Toledo Hospital.

All these successes didn't happen overnight. And, these people will be the first to tell you they couldn't have done it alone. But the point is, they have succeeded and their stories are an inspiration to all of us knowing that our situations are not impossible—they just require extra effort.